

IN THE CLAIMS:

Amend claims as set forth below:

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14. (original) A method of charging a lapping plate, comprising:

- (a) providing a lapping plate and a charging tool having a fixture with a plurality of charging elements;
- (b) introducing a slurry containing an abrasive between the lapping plate and the charging elements;
- (c) rotating the fixture in one direction and the lapping plate in an opposite direction;
- (d) charging the lapping plate with the abrasive by embedding the abrasive into the lapping plate with the charging elements.

15. (original) The method of claim 14, further comprising forming the charging elements in a cylindrical shape.

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16. (original) The method of claim 14, further comprising forming the charging elements from a high density ceramic.
17. (original) The method of claim 14, further comprising symmetrically spacing the charging elements on the fixture about a rotational axis of the fixture.
18. (original) The method of claim 14, further comprising forming the fixture from stainless steel.
19. (original) The method of claim 14, wherein step (c) comprises rotating the fixture in a clockwise direction and rotating the lapping plate in a counter-clockwise direction.
20. (original) The method of claim 14, further comprising applying a pressure between the charging elements and the lapping plate in a range of approximately 10 to 30 psi.
21. (original) The method of claim 14, further comprising completely charging the lapping plate in approximately 30 to 45 minutes.
22. (original) The method of claim 14, further comprising scraping the slurry off of the lapping plate at a rate of approximately 5 ml/min.